



San Joaquín River Parkway

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Board Meeting
February 1, 2023

at the
Fresno Metropolitan
Flood Control District
Board Room



Welcome and “Meeting Administrative Issues”

Public comments will be accepted per the agenda. For participants connected electronically, you will be muted until called upon by the Chair.

*A. CALL TO ORDER
&
Pledge of Allegiance*



MEETING AGENDA

The Agenda and Meeting Packet are available at:


<http://sjrc.ca.gov/Board/>



Common Egret at River West

Public Comment Process

We hope that the Public is afforded as fair and open a meeting as practical.

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B. Roll Call



Monarch Butterfly on Slender Leaf Milkweed

C. Potential Conflicts of Interest



Annual Sunflower

Any Board member who has a potential conflict of interest may identify the item and recuse themselves from discussion and voting on the matter. (FPPC §97105)

D. Public Comment & Business from the Floor

Ten minutes of the meeting are reserved for members of the public who wish to address the Conservancy Board on items of interest that are not on the agenda and are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Conservancy.

Speakers shall be limited to three minutes.

The Board is prohibited by law from taking any action on matters discussed that are not on the agenda; no adverse conclusions should be drawn if the Board does not respond to the public comment at this time.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

All items listed below are information items and do not require any action.

E-1 INFORMATION ITEM: Update on the Wildwood Native Park Security and Janitorial Contracts.

E-2 INFORMATION ITEM: Reminder to File Statements of Economic Interest and Complete Biennial Ethics Training, Due Monday, April 3, 2023.


E-3 INFORMATION ITEM: Update on Projects Technical Advisory Committee.

F. Regular Session Items

~~**F-1 ACTION ITEM:** Authorize the Executive Officer to Suspend Bluff Pointe Golf Course's January 2023 Lease Payment Due to Flooding.~~

This item was pulled from the agenda so that an update to existing circumstances can be made by staff and brought forward to our next meeting.

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F-2 INFORMATION ITEM: Status and Progress Report on the Tribal Representative Board Member, Youth Representative Board Member, and Madera County Citizen Representative Board Member.

RECOMMENDATION: This report is provided for informational purposes. No action of the Board is recommended.



F-2 INFORMATION ITEM: Status and Progress Report on the Board Member Vacancies.

The Board has 3 Vacancies at Present:

- Tribal Representative
- Youth Representative
- Madera County Resident Representative

F-2 INFORMATION ITEM: Status and Progress Report on the Board Member Vacancies.

1. **PRC §32515 (7)** One member of a California Native American tribe appointed by the Governor from a list of candidates submitted by local tribal organizations.

2. **PRC §32515 (8) (A)** One youth member appointed by the Governor from lists submitted by either of the following:
 - (i) Youth-serving nonprofit organizations that have a presence within Fresno County or Madera County.
 - (ii) Institutions of higher education within Fresno County or Madera County.

(B) The youth member shall be a resident of Fresno County or Madera County and 18 to 26 years of age, inclusive, and shall not be an elected official.

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PRC §32515 (6) (B) The Speaker of the Assembly shall appoint the resident of Madera County from a list of candidates that includes two or more individuals provided by the Board of Supervisors of Madera County.

- The board of supervisors shall develop its list from a list submitted by nonprofit organizations that have a presence within that county and support outdoor recreation, conservation, environmental justice, or social justice issues.
- The board of supervisors shall have one year from the end of a term or the creation of a vacancy to submit the list to the Speaker of the Assembly.
- If the board of supervisors does not submit the list within that time, the Speaker of the Assembly may appoint a resident of Madera County nominated by nonprofit organizations that have a presence within Madera County and support outdoor recreation, conservation, environmental justice, or social justice issues.

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For the Governor's Appointees, the Tribal Representative & Youth Representative:

- Staff worked with CNRA and the Governor's Appointments Office for Outreach last November
- Successful outreach with over 20 applications
- Last word – vetting of the potential Board selection was in process

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For the Madera County Resident Representative:

1. County Supervisors submitted a list of nominations to the Governor's Appoint Office under prior process
2. Forwarded that list to the Speaker of the Assembly
3. Staff reached out to Speaker's Office to see if any assistance was desired
4. Informed on January 25th that the Speaker was going to appoint
5. Madera County is following up

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F-3 INFORMATION ITEM: Introduction to the San Joaquin River Conservancy's Staff Park and Recreation Specialist.

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Staff Park and Recreation Specialist

- This level plans, organizes and reviews the work of a small group of Park and Recreation Specialists and other staff working as a unit
 - usually with responsibility for a major program or segment of the Department's activities;
- Personally performs the most difficult and highly sensitive work assigned to the unit.

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Scope (shortened from Park Recreation Specialist Series):

- Used to perform program development and evaluation, and analytical and administrative work to identify and prove methods for meeting the outdoor recreational needs of the citizens of California.
- Subject matter generalists with
 - analytical ability,
 - good verbal and written communication skills,
 - an awareness of current social and environmental problems and principles;

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Scope (shortened from Park Recreation Specialist Series):

- Background in environmental or urban planning, public administration, natural resources, recreation, or an outdoor resource-related field.

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ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:	
30%	Community relations and partnerships
30%	Planning and project management
20%	Management and supervision
15%	Administration
MARGINAL FUNCTIONS:	
5%	Other job-related duties as assigned and necessary

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Work Experience as a Fish and Wildlife Interpreter, I & II, for CDFW:

- Project manager for San Joaquin Parkway Trail
- Friant Interactive Nature Site (FINS) maintenance coordinator
- California native vegetation site co-coordinator
- Project co-lead for Small Fry Children's Discovery Trail and "Stormy Creek" Bio-swale Project
- Volunteer Coordinator at Friant Interactive Nature Site
- San Joaquin Hatchery visitor improvements lead
- Salmonids (Trout) in the Classroom program coordinator
- Trout Fest public outreach

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Awards:

- Nominated for Individual Innovation Award in 2012
- Excellence in Aquatic Education Award by American Fisheries Society, 2013
- Merced Fish Rescue Team Award 2014
- Nominated for Innovation Award for Trout Fest Team 2015
- Nominated for Partnership Team Award - Small Fry Trail 2016
- Conservation Award from Fresno Fly Fishers for Conservation, 2017
- Directors Individual Vision Award for development of FINS, 2017


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F-4 INFORMATION ITEM: Status and Progress Report on River West Fresno, Eaton Trail Extension Project.

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Project Task	Cost	SJRC Fund	Cost Share
Task 1: Project Management, Reporting, Subcontractor Bids and Management	\$67,700	\$67,700	\$0
Task 2: Engineering and Planning	\$1,963,200	\$1,963,200	\$0
Task 3: Permitting	\$1,029,000	\$1,029,000	\$0
Indirect Costs	\$103,800	\$44,931	\$58,869
Total Costs	\$3,163,700	\$3,104,831	\$58,869

F-4 INFORMATION ITEM: Status and Progress Report on River West Fresno, Eaton Trail Extension Project

Task	Start	Finish
SJRC Board Consideration	Sept 1, 2021	
WCB Consideration	Nov 18, 2021	
WCB CEQA NOE/NOD Filing, Prepare and Execute Grant	Nov 18, 2021	Jan 21, 2022
Hire Consultants: Prepare SOQ, Advertise, Selection, Approval at City Council, Contract	Jan 24, 2022	Sept 8, 2022
Plans, Specs, Estimate and Permitting	Sept 12, 2022	July 25, 2023
Bid Construction Package	Oct 11, 2023	Dec 12, 2023


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F-5 INFORMATION ITEM: Report on the Security Workshop and Board Tours

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Issues To Discuss

1. Trash Dumping;
2. Vandalism/graffiti;
3. Car burglary
4. Others.....



Friant Cove
(17839 Millerton Rd, Friant, CA)

F-5 INFORMATION ITEM: Report on the Security Workshop and Board Tours

Issues To Discuss

1. Trash Dumping
2. Gate vandalism
3. Fires
4. Fence cutting
5. Car burglary
6. Unauthorized vehicles
7. Pirate Trails, camps, and related



Ball Ranch Gate

(between Sumner Peck and the CEMEX plant on Friant)

F-5 INFORMATION ITEM: Report on the Security Workshop and Board Tours

Issues To Discuss

1. Homeless Camps (including threatening behavior)
2. Unauthorized vehicles
3. Cut fences, pirate trails, cut locks
4. Vandalism (gates, irrigation system)
5. Campfires



River West at Spano Park

(On Palm Ave, Just North of Palm and Nees)

F-5 INFORMATION ITEM: Report on the Security Workshop and Board Tours

Issues To Discuss

1. Gate, table, restroom vandalism
2. Unauthorized vehicles
3. Loading zone parking
4. Tagging
5. Homeless
6. Wood cutting



Wildwood Native Park

(Wildwood Road just past entrance to Panoche Creek Event Center)

F-5 INFORMATION ITEM: Report on the Security Workshop and Board Tours

Issues To Discuss

1. Example of “Good Eyes and Ears”
2. Vandalism (especially at gate)
3. Trespass parking at gate
4. Trash
5. Others....



Sycamore Island

(Ave 7 ½ - just West of Rd 40, Madera County)

F-3 INFORMATION ITEM: Report on the Security Workshop and Board Tours

1. Introduction

- Overview of Conservancy Properties
- Review of \$15 million O & M funding- its uses, requirements, and deadlines

2. Panel: Operating and Maintaining Facilities and Land in Parkway

3. Panel: Security and Public Safety

4. General Discussion and Public Comment

General Fund			
		Beginning Balance	\$ 15,000,000.00
Contracts and Service Agreements			
	A21100006 Main Creek Lanes		\$ 1,300.00
	A21100008 Main Creek CircleV		\$ 1,300.00
	A21100007 Automated Access - Sycamore Is		\$ 4,967.42
	A21100016 Haven's Security - WNP Restrooms		\$ 3,171.84
	C21100010 CCC- Fire Abatement		\$ 30,000.00
	A21100012 Fresno EOC		\$ 5,500.00
	C21100004 Fresno County Private Security		\$ 2,720.00
	C22100001 SJRCPT: Portable Toilets		\$ 128,547.77
	C22100002 SJRCT Sycamore Island RFP		\$ 5,442,809.38
	C22100003 Operation and Maintenance Planning		\$ 750,000.00
	C22100006 Ball Ranch & Ledger Island RFP	*Estimated	\$ 2,630,000.00
	C22100004 - Janitorial at WNP		\$ 77,435.00
	C22100005 - Security at WNP		\$ 25,000.00
	A22100010 Automated Access - Sycamore Island		\$ 2,200.00
	A22100011 Haven's Security- Lanes		\$ 2,000.00
	A22100012 Automated Access - Friant Cove		\$ 8,000.00
Sub Total			\$ 9,114,951.41
SJRC Staff			
	STAFF PARK AND RECREATION SPECIALIST		\$ 200,000.00
	2 -PARK MAINTENANCE WORKER I		\$ 360,000.00
Sub Total			\$ 560,000.00
Operation and Maintenance			
	Lowes		\$ 1,564.54
	Lehman's Lock and Safe		\$ 158.53
	Clovis Appliance		\$ 2,047.21
	Fresno Ag Hardware		\$ 736.75
	Republic Services		\$ 257.72
	Natix		\$ 13,676.16
	Granite Data Solutions		\$ 2,194.34
Sub Total			\$ 20,635.25
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$ 9,695,586.66
Remaining Balance			\$ 5,304,413.34


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G. ADMINISTRATIVE AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

G-1 Organizations' Reports:

- **G-1a.** San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust
- **G-1b.** RiverTree Volunteers
- **G-1c.** Other Organizations (please contact the Conservancy if you wish to Report on your Organization – info@sjrc.ca.gov)

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G. Reports (cont)

G-2 Deputy Attorney General

- *See written report in the Board Packet*



CCC's and Fresno Fire talk to community members of the El Dorado Neighborhood at the Conservancy's Lanes Road Property

G. Reports (cont)

G-3 - Executive Officer




G. Reports

G-4 Board Members



*Valley Oak –
Ledger Island*

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I. Next meeting:

- The next Board meeting will be held **March 1, 2023**, at 10:00 a.m.

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